It is not a propitious time for the FCC to consider lifting the Cross-Ownership Ban. The events of 9/11/01 have diverted the attention of the public from soberly considering the benefits or losses as a result of the FCC's action.

The Telecommunications Act of 1996 was an example of legislative action done with little public fanfare. It is disheartening to see a public regulatory body act without adequet public debate and consideration.